

# What can I do to help protect North Carolina's natural heritage?

## Everyone can:

- Learn about native species and natural areas across North Carolina.
- Join a conservation group such as a land trust, watershed association or natural history society.
- Learn more about the natural resources in your own backyard.
- Visit public lands (state parks, game lands) in your neighborhood.

## Landowners can:

- Manage your land to promote its natural values.
- Permanently protect your land through conservation agreements.

## Professional scientists and academic researchers can:

- Partner with NCNHP to identify research priorities and coordinate monitoring efforts.
- Share data that will contribute to rare species conservation.

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## Cover Photos

Front, upper left: Little Metalmark (*Calephelis virginiensis*) by Ed Corey

Front, upper right: Copper Button (*Mesomphix cupreus*) by Steve Hall

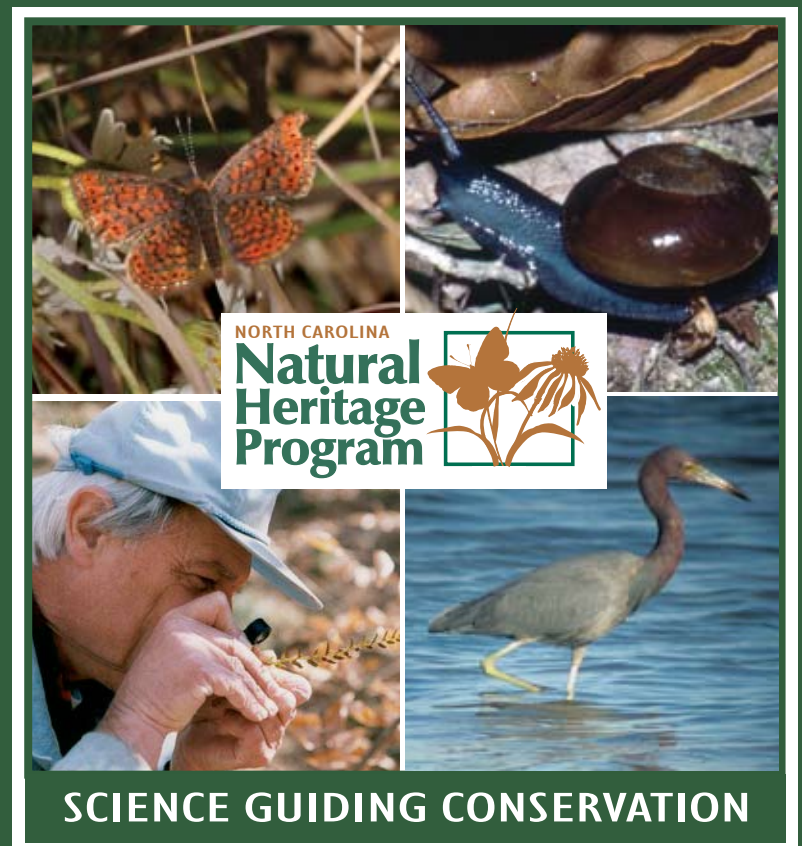
Front, bottom left: Photo by Candace Williams

Front, bottom right: Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) by Jeffrey S. Pippen

Background image: Cooley's meadowrue (*Thalictrum cooley*) by Richard LeBlond

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